

Community Advisory Council
July 12, 2001
Action Items/Notes

Final

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1. Attendance:

Present:

Members- R. Amper, G. Campbell, R. Clipperton, B. Conklin, J. Corrarino, A. Esposito, J. Gibbons, H. Guthy, E. Kaplan, J. Mannhaupt, G. Proios, M. Shea, D. Spritzen, T. Talbot, M. Walker.

Alternates- R. Biss, W. Evanzia, M. Giacomaro, A. Graves, B. Henigin, A. Martin, J. Minasi, P. Stephens.

Others- M. Bebon, J. D'Ascoli, J. Gibbons, M. Holland, J.H. Marburger, R. McGrath, S. Medeiros, A. Rapiejko, K. White.

Absent:

Members- M. Barrett, A. Capozzi, M. Cohn, A. Drake, D. Fischler, A. Jones, J. Jordan-Sweet, J. Kassner, C. Kepert, P. Martino, C. Swenson, F. Towle, J. Tripp.

Alternates- S. Bail, S. Carlin, A. Cooley, K. Crowley, T. Guglielmo, L. Jacobson, R. Johannesen, G. Miglino, J. Pannullo, P. Pizzo, W. Prospect, K. Skinner, L. Snead, K. Timmins.

2. Quorum

The meeting began at 6:40 p.m. A quorum was established when 18 of the 32 member organizations were present.

3. Correspondence and Handouts

(Items 1 – 6 were mailed with a cover letter dated July 6, 2001. Items 7 – 8 were included in the folders and item 9 was available as a handout.)

1. Draft agenda for July.
2. Draft June notes.
3. Final approved notes, May 10, 2001.
4. Memo dated June 22, 2001 from J. Hurst and E. Kaplan.

5. Five fact sheets, Peconic River Remedial Alternatives.
6. Copy of Tim Hallman's June 14 RHIC presentation.
7. Letter dated June 8, 2001 from James J. Fiore, Department of Energy.
8. Action Item 99-52, letter dated June 5, 2001 from Robert Alvarez (STAR) and response dated June 29, 2001 from J. H. Marburger.
9. Presentation on *Peconic River Status Update and Path Forward*, William Medeiros, Project Manager.

4. Administrative

The notes of the June 14 meeting were approved unanimously with no corrections, additions, or deletions. Reed asked if the Laboratory could videotape Dr. Marburger's presentation; there were no objections. Reed also announced that a reporter from the N.Y. Times was present to represent the media.

Ken White told the CAC that the public comment period for the engineering evaluation cost analysis for the lower canal portion of the BGRR would begin the end of July and run through August. Copies of the analysis will be distributed when they come out. There will be a working group meeting and additional public comment sessions that the CAC may attend.

Reed announced that Adam Martin would be entering college, Case Western Reserve University, in Ohio, in the fall. Therefore, this was his last meeting.

Action Item: Request for hard copy of Dr. Marburger's State of the Laboratory presentation.

Action Item: Update CAC letterhead

5. Presentation on OU V / Peconic River, Skip Medeiros, Project Manager

Skip Medeiros gave a status report on the Peconic:

- Additional engineers are being added to staff.
- Data gaps are being filled for additional sampling of sediment. DEC is sampling fish of edible size in the North Street to Schultz Road section of the river.
- Additional collection of chemical data is being done.
- Information will be screened to evaluate potential pilot studies, and a decision tree analysis will be used.
- Skip discussed the formation of a Peconic River Working Group based on the format of the BGRR Working Group.

Reed asked for discussion on the proposal to establish the working group. There were some questions for clarification. It was suggested that a web page be developed where information could be posted in a timely manner for those who may not be able to attend meetings. Ken White clarified that the working group would consist of other members of the community in addition to any CAC members who wished to participate. R. Conklin, J. Mannhaupt, A. Esposito, J. Corrarino, J. Grindrod, and A. Graves indicated that they were interested in being part of the working group.

6. Presentation, State of the Laboratory, Dr. John H. Marburger, Director

Dr. Marburger opened his presentation with a discussion on RHIC. He discussed the Department of Energy's mission, the facilities on-site, and the Users of the facilities in great detail. He described the organizational makeup of the Laboratory and talked about the endeavors

undertaken by BSA since it began managing the Laboratory in 1998. Dr. Marburger thanked the CAC for its input on the environmental restoration programs. He outlined Brookhaven's path to the future describing new opportunities for research facilities and improvements to existing infrastructure. He talked about his experiences as the Lab Director and discussed the importance of the Lab continuing to provide research opportunities to perform world-class science in the northeast.

7. Comments by Dr. Robert McGrath, Vice President for Brookhaven Affairs, Brookhaven Science Associates

Dr. McGrath discussed the original Request for Proposals issued by the Department of Energy (DOE) and how difficult and complex it was to respond to. He mentioned the Lab culture change and the Off-ramp requirements in the contract and described the work that had gone into meeting them. He stated that the Laboratory had received increasingly better DOE evaluations each year.

Dr. McGrath then outlined the expectations for transition and asked for input in the search for the new director. He asked that emails be sent to him, Robert.McGrath@sunysb.edu or to Dr. Marburger, marburger@bnl.gov.

8. Community Comment

None.

9. Special Planning Session

Jeanne D'Ascoli conveyed Marge Lynch's regrets for not being able to be present, but on her behalf asked the CAC if they were interested in hosting a community party for Dr. Marburger on the date of the September meeting (September 13). She suggested forming a subcommittee to assist with the planning. R. Amper, J. Corrarino, A. Esposito, E. Kaplan, J. Mannhaupt, and D. Sprintzen volunteered.

10. October Agenda

- BGRR-EECA
- OU V
 - Data gap
 - Sampling results
 - Fish sampling results
 - Conceptual cleanup approach
 - NEAR technical advisor presentation (future meeting)
- Energy discussion
- Groundwater remediation on-site
- HFBR (Nov.)
- Wildland Fire Plan (future)

The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:25 p.m.